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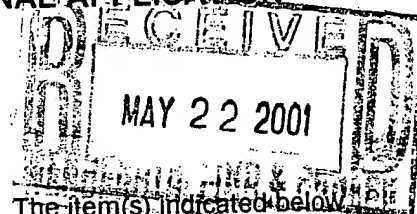
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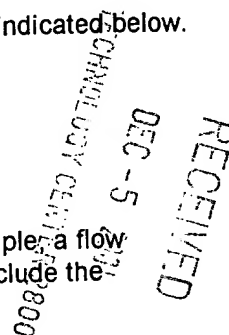
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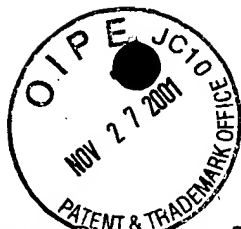
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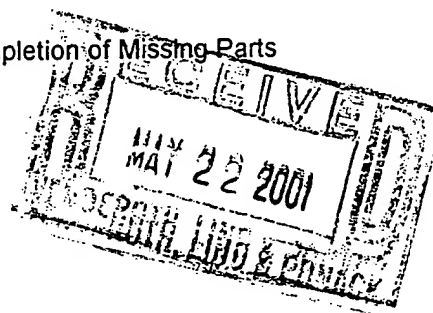
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Applicant: Seiji MIZUOKA et al.

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Title: CONNECTION DETECTING APPARATUS, CONNECTION DETECTING METHOD,
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Receipt of the following papers is acknowledged:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (37 CFR 1.53(b))
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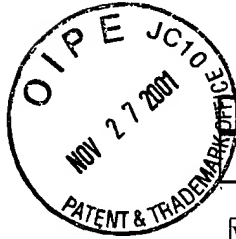
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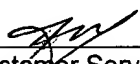
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